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Dear Lester:

As representatives of environmental, fishing and farming groups to BDAC we have reviewed and attempted to respond to the List of Action Categories and Actions sent to us for ranking purposes. Although we have taken a rough cut at evaluating the list, we feel, in general, that the level of detail presented by the specific actions, in particular may not appropriate to the policy role of BDAC at this time.

The level of emphasis that we have placed on categories, and in some cases actions, therefore, should be considered preliminary. In order to be more definitive on each such proposed action, we would need additional time for consultation with technical experts, many of whom were not available in the past few weeks.

In general, our emphasis tends to favor natural restoration and management solutions over artificial or structural ones. In some cases, we have not rated an action, not necessarily because we don't support it, but because we need additional information and analysis. In many cases, it is this very information and detailed analysis that we expect the CALFED process to produce. Consequently, it is too early to make many of the judgments required to fill out this survey completely.

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We hope our responses help give general guidance to CALFED. These surveys, however, should not be used to limit the scope of the analysis that CALFED is undertaking.

Sincerely,

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